License to exploit Minerals.

164. MR. K. A. MUHAMMED: Will the Honourable Minister for Industries be pleased to state:

(*a*) Whether any company has applied for license to exploit minerals from the back water lake beds; and

(*b*) what advice the Geologist to Government has given in this matter?

HON'BLE MR. T. M VARGHESE: (*a*) No.

(*b*) This matter is under investigation by the Geologist.

High way scheme.

165. MR. K. A. MUHAMMED: Will the Honourable Minister for Public Works be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Travancore Government have a High Way Scheme or is it a part of the Indian High Way Scheme;

(*b*) whether the survey of this High Way is completed;

(*c*) the estimated cost of this High Way; and

(*d*) the amount so far spent for the purpose?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: (*a*) Investigations were conducted as a part of the Indian High Way Scheme but since the Government of India declined to participate in it, the execution in accordance with their standard has not been taken up but that scheme has been modified into a State Scheme which is being executed.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Rs. 2. 4 crores according to the standards of the Indian High Way Scheme.

(*d*) Rs. 1,34,664 till the end of 1122 M. E.

Food Grains.

166. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Will the Honourable Minister for Food be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total stock of food stuff held by Government on 10-8-1123;

(*b*) the total amount invested for the purchase of the same;

(*c*) the price of rice per bag made available to the Travancore Government under the quota system by the Indian Union on 10-8-1123;

(*d*) the price per bag of rice sold from ration shops on 10-8-1123;

(*e*) the price per bag of rice sold at Cochin on 10-8-1123;

(*f*) the total loss sustained by Government by the sale of food stuff till 10-8-1123;

(*g*) the date from which rice has been sold below cost price;

(*h*) the total quantity of rice sold below the cost price till 10-8-1123;

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(*i*) the loss sustained by Government by selling one bag of rice on and till 10-8-1123;

(*j*) besides the quantity purchased from the Indian Union whether there was any private purchase of food stuff by the Travancore Government;

(*k*) if so what is the total quantity of each variety of food stuff purchased till 10-8-1123;

(*l*) whether there was any loss sustained by Government by selling food stuff privately purchased; and

(*m*) if so, what is the total loss till 10-8-1123?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH; (*a*) The total stock of food stuffs held by Government on 10-8-1123 was 27,098 tons.

(*b*) B. Rs. 147 lakhs approximately.

(*c*) B. Rs. 44-2-0 per bag of 160 lbs nett.

(*d*) The retail dealer's cost price of rice in Trivandrum City on 10-8-1123 was B. Rs. 31-14-0 per standard bag. Actual transport charges and a profit of 4 As. per bag are allowed to merchants.

(*e*) B. Rs. 36-15-0 per bag of 8 mudra paras (Cochin measure) or B. Rs. 32-13-2 per bag of 160 lbs. nett.

(*f*) B. Rs. 239 lakhs approximately, since commencement of food control.

(*g*) From 1-4-1946/19-8-1121.

(*h*) 2,55,000 tons.

(*i*) The loss on each bag of rice sold on 10-8-1123 was B. Rs. 15-11-0.

The loss on one bag of rice sold from 15-8-1947 to 20-11-1947/31-12-1122 to 4-4-1123 was B. Rs. 6-12-7.

The loss on each bag of rice sold from 21-11.1947 to 31-12-1947/5-4-1123 to 16-5-1123 was B. Rs. 8-7-5.

The loss on each bag of rice sold from 1-1-1948 to 7-2-1948/17-6-1123 to 24-6-1123 was B. Rs. 22-0-0 and B. Rs. 15-11-0 from 25-6-1123.

(*j*) No.

(*k*) (*l*) and (*m*) Do not arise in view of answer to part (*j*)

Export licences.

167. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Will the Honourable Minister for Export and Import be pleased to state with reference to the export licences issued from 1-1-1123 up-to-date:

(*a*) the persons to whom such licences were issued;

(*b*) the purpose or material for which such licences were issued;

(*c*) the quantity for which such licences were issued;

(*d*) the date of the issue of such licences; and

(*e*) whether the persons to whom such licences were issued were recipients of similar licences prior to 1-1-1123?

HON'BLE MR. T. M. VARGHESE: (*a*) to (*e*). A statement containing the required information is laid on the table.

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